

Morris County Heritage Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2023

Present: Chair Kathy Murphy, and Secretary Martha Wells; HC Commissioners Carol Barkin, John Dunado, Treasurer Epsey Farrell, Tom Ferguson, Marty Kane, Joe Macasek; Director Amanda Hefferan and History Program Development Specialist Nick Palatucci

Absent/Excused: Vice Chair Larry Fast

Call to Order: Chair Murphy called the meeting to order at the Morris County Library at 9:30 a.m. and referenced the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the May 2023 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Money has been spent on Special Projects and historic marker maintenance. Income has come in from the purchase of books by Eastern National, including *Colonial and Revolutionary Morris County* and *Morris County Historic Sites*.

Chair's Report: Chair Murphy stated that HC should consider applying for a larger amount for the next re-grant cycle.

County Commissioner's Report: None

Director's/Archive Collection Report: Director Hefferan reported that the staff has been focused on re-grants and the newsletter. There have been few researchers. The Microfilm reader is temporarily fixed and is usable. The archive doors were sealed to prevent issues with the smoke from the wildfires in Canada. The marker for the Charlotteburg Forge has been installed. The ones for Phoenix House and two entrance markers will be picked up by the Road Department soon. The last two entrance markers have been ordered from Lakeshore. The Spring 2023 newsletter has been sent out.

Program Development Report: History Program Development Specialist Palatucci reported that re-grant payment vouchers have been sent out to the 2023 re-grantees and the majority have responded. For the 2023 round there were three project requests and eight GOS requests. The majority of projects were fully funded and the remaining available money was divided among the GOS requests. The review packet for the 2024 round will be reviewed at the September committee meeting.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Archives:** None
- **Grants/Re-Grants:** None

- **Long-Range Plan:** None
- **Marker Program:** The Peter Cook marker has been taken down. Information will be in the Dropbox for the marker committee to review. The Ford-Faesch House marker has incorrect information.
- **Personnel:** None
- **Public Programs/Exhibits:** None
- **Publications:** There was discussion regarding articles for the next newsletter

Communications: Newsletters were received from the Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum, the Dover Area Historical Society, and the Boonton Historical Society.

Old Business: Committees need to be reviewed to include HC Tom Ferguson.

New Business: There was discussion about displaying panels at Rockaway Town Square as outreach for MCHC.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned without objection at 10:30.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Wells
Secretary